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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance does not adequately address independent Claims 12 and 16. Those claims are clearly allowable by virtue of the inventions recited therein and the arguments for patentability that appear in the Amendment dated February 28, 2005.

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